सितम्बर, 88 से जून, 89 तक की अवधि के दौरान पत्रों और मनीआर्डरों का देर से वितरण करने के बारे में कोई शिकायत नहीं मिली । तथापि, पुनरीक्षा और डाक व्यवस्था की मानीटरिंग करने के फलस्वरूप 11 अतिरिक्त विभागीय डाकघरों के लिए डाक के पारगमन समय में आगे एक दिन कम कर दिया गया था ।

500 मेगावाट क्षमता के रिएक्टरों

732. श्री सतीश आगडोदिया : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि परमाणु ऊर्जा विभाग में 500 मेगावाट तक की क्षमता के रिएक्टर लगाने के लिए सार्वजनिक तथा निजी, दोनों क्षेत्रों से उपकरण प्राप्त प्राप्त करने के लिए कदम उठाए हैं और विभिन्न परियोजनाओं के लिए आवश्यक जमीन का प्रबन्ध करने के लिए भी कार्यवाही की है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या परमाणु ऊर्जा विभाग ने परमाणु ऊर्जा कार्यक्रमों के लिए गुरुजल के उत्पादन का भी कार्यक्रम बनाया है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा परमाणु ऊर्जा, इलैक्ट्रानिकी और अन्तरिक्ष विभागों में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० आर० नारायणन) : (क) और (ख) जी हां, नई परियोजनाओं के लिए सार्वजनिक और निजी क्षेत्रों की यनिटों से ऐसे महत्वपूर्ण घटक और उपस्कर प्राप्त करने के लिए अग्रिम कारवाई प्रारम्भ की गई है जिनकी सुपुर्दगी में लम्बा समय लगता है । इन परियोजनाओं के लिए, जहां आवश्यक है, भूमि अधिग्रहण करने के संबंध में पहले से ही की जाने वाली कार्रवाई भी शुरू कर दी गई है ।

(ग) जी हां ।

(घ) भारी पानी की पूर्वानुमानित आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करने के लिए अतिरिक्त भारी पानी संयंत्र लगाने का प्रस्ताव है ।

Talks between Defence Secretaries of India and Pakistan

733. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV :
SHRI HARI SINGH:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH ARORA:
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAI:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any talks were recently held between the Defence Secretaries of India and Pakistan on Siachen issue;

(b) whether any talks regarding line of control in Jammu and Kashmir were also held; if so, the details thereof?

(c) what has been the outcome thereof;

(d) whether Government are aware of the controversial statement

made by Pakistan on the outcome of the talks held on Siachen issue; and

(e) is so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D.L. BAITHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The fifth round of Defence Secretary level talks, held recently in Rawalpindi, discussed the issue of Siachen which lies beyond the delineated line of control in Jammu & Kashmir.

(c) Both sides agreed to work towards a comprehensive settlement of the Siachen issue, based on redeployment of forces to reduce the chances of conflict, avoidance of the use of force and the determination of future positions on the ground so as to conform with the Simla Agreement and to ensure durable peace in the Siachen area. The Army authorities of both sides were to determine these positios. It was also agreed that after an in-depth examination of such proposals, the next round of talks between the Defence Secretaries would be held in New Delhi in the near future.

(d) and (e) Government's reaction to Pakistan Foreign Secretary's state ment was clarified by the official spokesman on 19-6-1989 as per copy annexed.

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(MP DIVISION)

OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT

PAKISTAN : SIACHEN

To a question about the authenticity of reports quoting Pakistani Foreign Secretary that India and Pakistan have agreed to pull back to the pre-2nd July, 1972, positions of administrative control in Siachen' Spokesman gave the following clarifications :

"I would like to draw your attention once again to the Joint Press Release issued in Rawalpindi on 17th June, 1989, in particular to the following portion of this press release, which I quote: The discussions were held in a cordial and friendly atmosphere. Both sides discussed specific proposals aiming at an early settlement of the Siachen issue in accordance with the Simla agreement. There was agreement by both sides to work towards a comprehensive settlement, based on redeployment of forces to reduce the chance of conflict, avoidance of the use of force and the determination of future positions on the ground so as to conform with the Simla Agreement and to ensure durable peace in the Siachen area. The Army authorities of both sides will determine these positions.

They agreed that after an indepth examination of such proposals the next round of talks between the Defence Secretaries will be held at New Delhi in the near future."

The above statement was made by the Defence Secretaries jointly after they negotiated together for three days, indicates that there is an agreement on approach and an agreement on the exploration of proposals. The army authorities of both sides have been charged with the responsibility of examining the question and of putting up proposals to their respective governments.

When a corresondent drew Spokesman's attention to the fact that the news reports quote the Pakistani Foreign Secretary, Spokesman clarified that the Pakistani Foreign Secretary was not present at the said talks. The joint press statement was drafted by the two Defence Secretaries and "I think we should go by that".

When asked to clarify what the situation in Siachen had been before 1972, Spokesman said "I have nothing further to clarify on that. This matter is being looked into by both the Army Commanders and it would be most accurate to go at present by the joint press statement. The statement indicates an agreed time frame and also carries the assurance that the two Defence Secretaries will meet again at Delhi, in the near future." He drew attention to the fact that there is absolutely no indication of any agreement or disagreement regarding pre-1972 positions in Siachen, in the joint press statement.

Spokesman refused to comment when one Correspondent asked whether the Pakistan Foreign Secretary was indulging in disinformation. He also did not agree with a correspondent's suggestion that the Simla Agreement would go the way of the Sri Lankan accord and would not be binding on both countries. Spokesman clarified that both governments were set on resolving their problems through a process of negotiation and friendship.

Development of pilotless target Aircraft

734. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government had sanctioned the development of a pilotless target aircraft (PTA) in 1980;

(b) whether the project was targetted to be completed within a five-year time frame;

(c) whether the project has been completed; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D.L. BAITHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The development of PTA is expected to be completed in Dec. 1990.

(d) Complexities involved in emerging high technologies required for development of PTA.

Successful launch of Agni Missile

735. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian scientists have successfully launched the 'Agni' missile on May, 22, 1989.

(b) whether the Prime Minister has accused some political parties for criticising the launching of the 'Agni'; and

(c) if so, the names of the parties and persons who had criticised the launching ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Prime Minister had made references to the Janatar Dal (earlier referred to as the Janata Party). He did not name any individual.